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This section contains recommendations for decontamination equipment, and changes from the previous edition are minimal. It is organized into three main categories, as follows:

- Pre-Decontamination, defined as activities or equipment that may be used prior to active decontamination.
- Active Decontamination, defined as activities or equipment that may be used in removing contamination from individuals and equipment.
- **Post-Decontamination**, defined as activities or equipment that may be used after active decontamination.

Successful CBRNE HAZMAT response requires a sound decontamination plan that has been practiced with proper techniques and equipment. In addition to personnel, techniques, and equipment, the plan should address factors such as run-off and hazardous materials disposal, since some CBRNE agents may be neutralized while others may become hydrolyzed or diluted while being physically washed off patients and equipment. Plans should include as many specific procedures as possible - if a hazardous material has been identified through testing, then the decontamination plan should include proper PPE and decontamination equipment appropriate to the hazard. The plan should include multiple stages of decontamination (e.g., field expedient gross decon for personnel and equipment), with appropriate equipment and training required for each stage. The decontamination plan must also interface smoothly with other operating plans such as medical response (e.g., policies for triage at decontamination stages, transportation of contaminated patients, etc.).

The D&D SubGroup is continually working to identify standards and best practices for decontamination, including the establishment of standards for newly available decontamination equipment and technologies. No matter what types of equipment or methods are used by the responder community, the results must ultimately be judged by some standard or best practice from the medical community as to the efficacy of the decontamination. All first responders should also seek advice from their state and local experts on the applicability and practicality of their plans in the context of local laws and practices.

Online Selection Factors and Efficacy Matrix

Like most sections in the 2006 SEL, the online¹ version of the Decontamination section uses a pair of selection factors to assist users in quickly identifying appropriate equipment items. For the Decontamination section, the SubGroup chose the same factors used in the Detection section (Section 7): Proficiency Level, and Hazard Environment. See the introduction to Section 7 for a detailed description of these two factors. Every online item is "tagged" for each appropriate combination of factors. Thus users on the online version can choose any combination of Proficiency Level and Hazard Environment, and the system will provide a list of all items tagged for that combination.

There is also a new feature on the Responder Knowledge Base this year that should prove helpful in decontamination planning. It is called the Decontamination Efficacy Matrix, and provides information about various decontamination methods and their effectiveness against specific threats. The information was provided to the RKB by the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical and Biological Center (ECBC) in Aberdeen, Maryland, and is linked to various items in this section of the SEL.

¹ The online version of the SEL is available on the Responder Knowledge Base at www.rkb.mipt.org.

| Item Number/Title | Description | Features/Operating Considerations | Standards ¹ |
|---|--|---|------------------------|
| D1 - Pre-Decontam 01 - Personal Decont | | | |
| 08D1-01-KITD Kits or Packets, Personal Decontamination | Kits or packets used for emergency personal decontamination. | Hand held Ability to self-decontaminate from chemical warfare agents. Ability to self-decontaminate from TIMs. Ability to self-decontaminate from biological agents One time use Shelf life limitations Additional decontamination measures are required. | |
| D1 - Pre-Decontam 02 - Personal Decont | | | |
| 08D1-02-RSDL Lotion, Decontamination | Alternate solution to neutralize chemical warfare agents. | Easy to use For use on equipment For use on humans under FDA approved conditions only in limited quantities Good against chemical warfare agents and some TICs only | 87 |
| D1 - Pre-Decontam 03 - Extraction Litter | | | |
| 08D1-03-LITR Litters, Extraction | Extraction litters for non-ambulatory victims. | Man-portable Decontaminable Reusable Wheeled Uneven terrain Labor intensive Patient maximum weight considerations Storage/transport considerations Minimal training | |

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|---|--|---|
| D1 - Pre-Decontam 04 - Technical Decor | ination ntamination Corridor Suppor | rt |
| 08D1-04-TDCS Support, Decontamination Corridor | Signs, signals, traffic cones, lights, hazmat tape, directional signage, strobes, glow sticks, loudspeakers, etc. | Multiple pictures and languages Industrial grade GFI equipment |
| D2 - Active Deconta 01 - Emergency Deco | amination ontamination Systems | |
| 08D2-01-MCDS Systems, Mass Casu- alty Decontamination | Mobile or fixed systems capable of delivering water or solutions in varying temperatures and at sufficient flow rates for the purpose of washing numerous contaminated victims. Suitable systems may be tents, trailers, vehicle mounted, or integrated into building systems. | Lighting HEPA filters Roller systems for dealing with non-ambulatory victims Flash heater Pre-plumbed |
| D2 - Active Decont 02 - Emergency Deco | amination ontamination Applicator Equ | uipment |
| 08D2-02-EDCS | Equipment or system with the capability to immedi- | Man-portable Freedom to select desirable solutions → |

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|---|---|--|------------------------|
| D2 - Active Deconta 02 - Emergency Deco | a <mark>mination</mark> ontamination Applicator Equ | ipment - Continued | |
| Equipment, Emergency Decontamination Application | ately reduce contamination of individuals with potentially life threatening exposure, with or without the formal establishment of a decontamination corridor. | Low pressure Rapidly deployable Durable | |
| | | All weather Hazards of material Low cost Minimal training | |
| D2 - Active Deconta 03 - Waterproof Ligh | | | |
| 08D2-03-LITE Lighting, Decontamination Area | Decontamination area lighting | Moisture resistance Brightness Decontaminable Portable Intrinsically safe Power supply Decontamination system compatible GFI Replacement bulbs Power cords | 122, 140 |
| D2 - Active Deconta 04 - Personal Propert | | | |
| 08D2-04-PPTS System, Personal Property Tracking | Personal property tracking system to identify personal effects of decontaminated victims. | Waterproof Attachable Writable | |

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| D2 - Active Deconta 04 - Personal Propert | amination ry Tracking - <i>Continued</i> | | |
| | | Size | |
| D2 - Active Deconta 05 - Technical Decor | amination ntamination Equipment - Dr | y | |
| 08D2-05-TDED Equipment, Technical Decontamination - Dry | Equipment used to decontaminate or remove dry materials. | Portable Requires power supply Collected material must be disposed of properly. | |
| D2 - Active Decont a 06 - Technical Decor | amination ntamination Equipment - We | rt | |
| 08D2-06-SOLN Solution, Decontamination, Site (Not Personnel) | Equipment and site decontamination solutions (not approved for humans). | Premixed concentrate May be stored as a dry powder or liquid Some require dilution before application Some may require special applicators | |
| 08D2-06-TDEW Equipment, Technical Decontamination - Wet | Equipment used in the physical or chemical process of deliberate decontamination for responders and their equipment using liquids/solutions. | Pressure control for people/equipment Water/solutions Portable | |

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| Item Number/Title | Description | Features/Operating Considerations S | Standards ¹ |
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| D2 - Active Deconta 07 - Technical Decor | amination ntamination - Shower Equipn | nent | |
| 08D2-07-SHWR Shower, Portable Decontamination | Framework designed to deliver water/decon- tamination solution at low pressure, low volume. | Stand alone Collapsible Rigged Quick setup | |
| D2 - Active Deconta 08 - Technical Decor | amination ntamination - Water Heater | | |
| 08D2-08-HTRW Heaters, Water, Trans- portable | Used to heat water for decontamination applications in the field. | Temperature regulation and gauge May have ability to induct and mix decontamination solutions with water Inlet water pressure requirements and limitations GPM output to meet application rate needed / fuel or power needed Rapid heating of water | |
| D2 - Active Decont 09 - Technical Decor | amination ntamination - Heater Equipm | nent | |
| 08D2-09-HTRB Heater, Portable Air Blower | Provides climate control for victims during necessary decontamination operations during inclement conditions. | Provides heating and/or drying | |

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| D2 - Active Deconta 09 - Technical Decon | mination tamination - Heater Equipm | nent - Continued | |
| | | Collapsible ductwork | |
| D2 - Active Deconta 10 - Decontaminatio | mination n Containment Devices | | |
| 08D2-10-LDCD Device, Liquid Decontamination Containment | Containment devices intended for use in the decontamination corridor for decontamination of equipment, people, and vehicles. | Portable Capture run off Non-porous May be disposable Low enough for personnel to step into and out of Various sizes Decontamination system dependent Material compatibility Larger inflatable or collapsible devices for vehicles will require ability to get vehicle into and out of device. Size may limit patient numbers before requiring pump-off capability. | |
| D2 - Active Deconta 11 - Waste Water Co. | | | |
| 08D2-11-WWCD Orum, Waste Water Containment | Drums or bladders, for waste water containment and decontamination shower waste collection. To be used in conjunction with them 8.2.11. | Various sizes Ability to hold large volumes of liquid hazardous waste product. Disposable or decontaminable | 63, 122 |

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| Item Number/Title | Description | Features/Operating Considerations Standar | rds1 |
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| D3 - Post-Decontar 01 - Disposable Blan | | | |
| 08D3-01-BLKT Blankets, Disposable | Disposable blankets | Low cost Compact storage Durable One time use | |
| D3 - Post-Decontar 02 - Disposable Moc | | | |
| 08D3-02-CLOM Clothing, Disposable Modesty | Disposable modesty clothing, with footwear; adult and child sizes. | Compact storage Durable Various sizes Instructions for use should be in multiple languages and/or pictures Modesty shelter No shelf life limitations Low cost | |
| D3 - Post-Decontar 03 - Bags | nination | | |
| 08D3-03-BCNT Bags, Cadaver, Non- transparent | Non-transparent cadaver bags See also 09MS-01-BAGB | Disposable Ability to be carried Virtually unlimited shelf-life Universal precautions may be required. Low cost | |

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